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Over 50,000 Times

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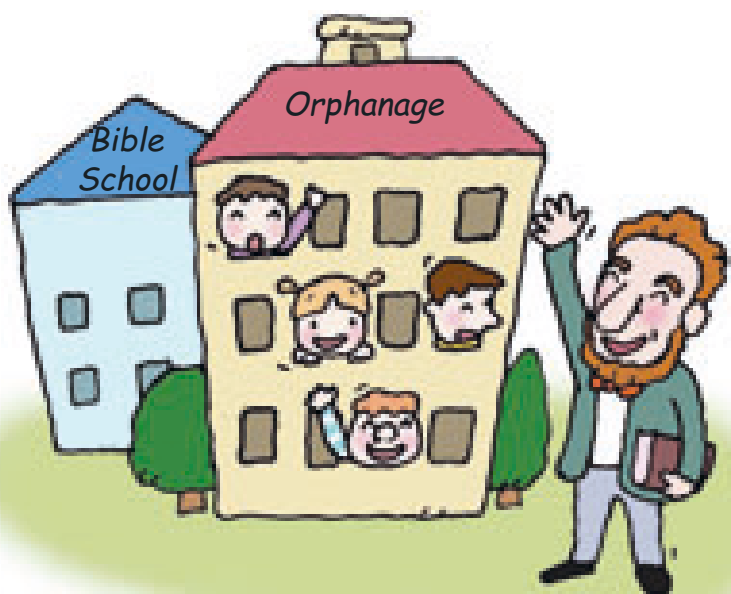
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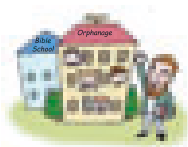
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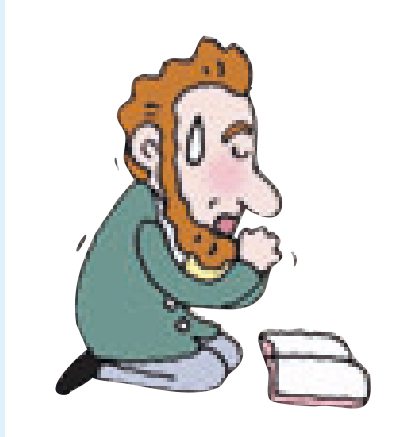


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## Wishing to See Warriors of Prayer Arise



George Muller is a remarkable figure whose prayers were answered more than fifty thousand times. This man, who is a synonym of prayer, is also known as the Father of Orphans. Most people envy him for his success with the orphanage. Surely it is great that he was answered fifty thousand times and he built one of the largest orphanages in the world. However, there is something important missing here.

Most people have overlooked the fact that before George Muller became famous he went to a hopeless land where people were suffering from poverty and terrible epidemics. He depended on God and prayed while feeding and taking care of abandoned orphans and poor neighbors.

He also built a Bible Institute where he translated religious books and pamphlets into various languages and distributed them to several countries. When one ten-year-old boy read one of these books (testi-

monial reports), he was challenged. Even though the boy was growing up in a family of non-believers he started to pray. “Dear God, please teach me to pray like George Muller. Please answer my prayer like you did George Muller’s prayer.” He told his widowed mother his wish to become a missionary who delivers the gospel. However, his mother strongly objected to the idea because she underestimated him and thought he was not even capable of going to grammar school. The boy told his mother, “I will pray. Then, God will answer my prayer like He did for George Muller and help me.” Of course, he soon passed an exam and entered grammar school.

Even though you are not good at something now, you will be able to do everything and live a blessed life if you cherish your dream and make an effort to pray just like this boy did. Muller’s sublime life of prayer, faith and devotion to God can be yours, too. I hope this book gives hope, vision, and will challenge not only children but also teenagers, teachers and parents of this world. Muller’s devotion and passionate prayer will be an example to this generation as well as the next.

I also hope that this book will be a small dose of encouragement to people who are working for the poor in dark places of this global village without any recognition or much needed support. I expect that many readers of this book will become warriors of prayer and heroes of devotion like George Muller.

Pastor Samuel Hong

PART I

# George Muller's Childhood



George Muller, whose prayer  
was answered fifty-thousand times,  
what was his childhood like?



# Birth of the Man of Prayer



One autumn night in 1805, a pregnant woman whispered to her husband,

“Honey, I think we are going to meet our baby soon.”

The husband said with a big smile,

“I can’t wait to see our baby. I wonder who it looks like.” The couple was restless waiting for the baby. A few days later, the baby was born. No one knew that this special baby would become the Man of Prayer.

George Muller was born the son of a Prussian tax officer at Kroppenstadt near Halberstadt in Germany (Prussia) on September 27, 1805.

When he was five years old, his family moved to Heimersleben.

This young boy was sad to leave his hometown but also eagerly anticipated seeing his new town.

“Please pay your tax. It is due today!”

Under the government’s direction, George’s father collected tax by visiting people’s houses door to door.

Heimersleben people envied George’s family because they were rich, but at the same time always kept them at arms length.

People always said,

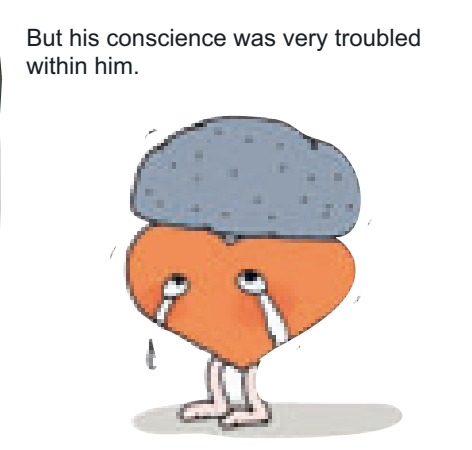
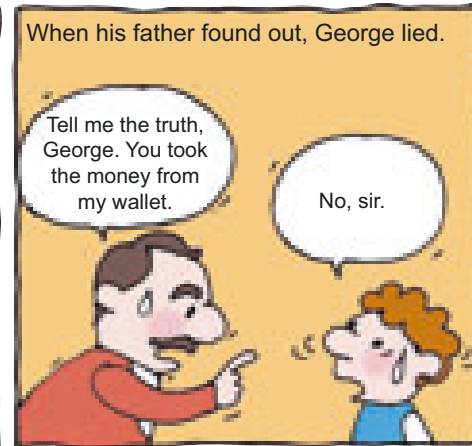
“If Muller turns against you, you may have to pay more tax. Be careful.”

One day, when George was studying, his father came in and gave him a large allowance, saying “George, I’m pleased you are studying hard. You will be a great person.”

George’s father often gave him allowances that were more than a boy his age should receive, but young George took it for granted.

However, what George really needed was his parents’ prayer and Godly instruction. This would please God most.

As a meticulous tax collector George’s father was one of the richest men in town. However, he did not have faith in God and was a worldly-minded man.



Therefore, he paid little attention to George's spiritual growth. George's father did not know what his children needed most from their parents. That was prayer and instruction on a relationship with God.

George's father often came home drunk and showed more affection towards George's brother. This hurt young George's feelings.

George began to think to himself,  
"From now on I am going to do whatever I want to do. I am going to live like my father enjoying money and alcohol."

George hung around with bad friends and even stole his father's money.

That was not all. He often lied to his father to cover his sin and disobedience and to avoid his father's correction.

Without his parents' prayer and love, George was losing his childhood innocence little by little.

# Wandering Child


*All is Vanity~*



Watching his son aimlessly wandering, George's father was worried. He decided a change in his son's environment would be good for him. He thought that going to a better town and a better school would help his son.

When George was ten years old, his family moved to Halberstadt where the University of Halle was located.

When George was ten years old, his father decided to move to Halberstadt so that George could study in a better environment.



It will help him to be changed and study hard.



I decided to move us to Halberstadt so that you can go to a good school.

Why can't I study here?


His father wanted George to be a Lutheran clergyman, so he had George enter a Lutheran school, the University of Halle.



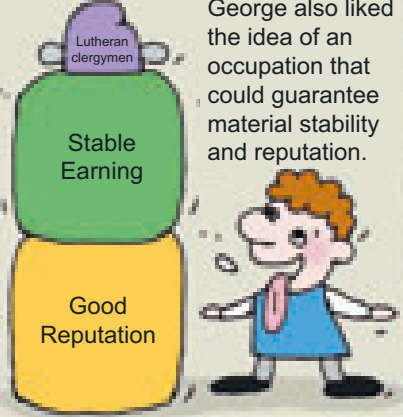
We are leaving!

Goodbye, my home.

To George's father, worldly success and honor was more important than pleasing God.



Lutheran clergymen earn lots of money.



George also liked the idea of an occupation that could guarantee material stability and reputation.



The University of Halle was a very famous Lutheran school.

Even though George's father was not religious, he wanted George to be a Lutheran clergyman. In those days, being a Lutheran clergymen could guarantee a life of success and comfort. As George himself wanted a stable occupation, he decided to take his father's advice.



However, after the family moved to Halberstadt, George grew from bad to worse. He spent most of his time playing cards and drinking with his friends. Even on the Lord's days, he drank with his friends and used bad words. He spent money on himself that his parents had sent as offerings to be given in church. He wasted years in debauchery. Even after he had experienced great sadness over the death of his mother, he remained as sinful as ever.

George was baptized on Easter in 1820, but it was only a meaningless religious ceremony to him. Soon after, George left home and stayed at an expensive hotel burning up his father's money. After his money was exhausted, he secretly stayed at the hotel without paying his bill, which led to his arrest. He was sixteen years old when he was imprisoned for this crime.

PART II

# New Dream



After seeing a man earnestly praying on his knees, George was a different person. What kind of dream did he have now?

# God Calling George Muller



The years slid past and when he was twenty years old, George entered the University of Halle. He was unable to hear God's true voice yet. Even though he was a theology student, he had yet to become a real Christian. Talk about him, his past and his sinful ways were everywhere.

"That student is not qualified to be a pastor," people said.

George still struggled with drinking too much.

He was terrible at managing money and he was easily overcome by temptation.

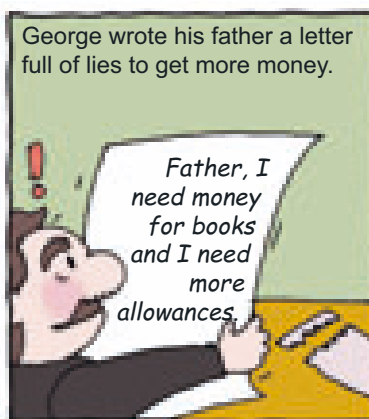
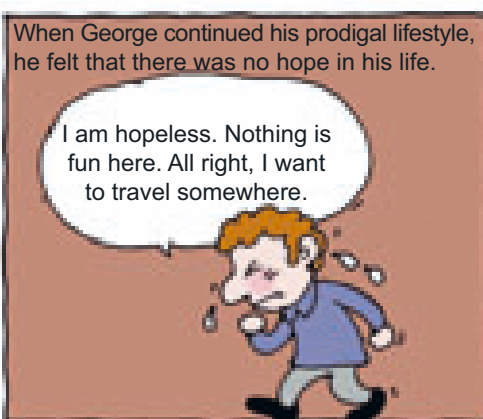
He was outwardly a college student, but he was still a wanderer inside.

He often fell into temptation with his friends. When he ran out of money, he went everywhere to borrow more.

When he could not pay the money back, he had to leave his best clothes and watches taken as payment for what he owed, hopelessly embarrassing himself. That was not all. He deceived his father to receive more allowances. Lying, stealing, gambling, and almost all forms of sin were part of his life. He didn't even go to church. His life was turned away from God's way.

As morning comes after night, George's dark days were passing with God's unlimited love and power. As a potter, God wanted to make a beautiful new pot out of George, but a new pot can not be formed without changing the existing pot.

For more than 10 years, God had waited for George to find the real meaning of life. God was continuously calling George.



However, when he came back from the trip, his mind was left with a void and he was in despair.



God was calling, “George, come back to me. I love you. You are My precious son. You are My beautiful pot. Leave your ways and come home.”

Muller, whose spiritual ears were still closed, could not hear His voice.

One autumn night in 1825, his friend Beta said to him,

“George, I am going to a Christian’s house this Saturday evening to attend a meeting.”

“What kind of meeting?” asked George.

“Several friends get together to pray, sing and read the Bible and printed sermons. Do you want to come with me?” Beta was one of George’s friends who used to pursue worldly pleasures.

Beta’s life had been transformed after finding his faith. George felt as if Beta had found something he had been seeking all his life.

He felt awkward seeing this changed friend, but he also wanted to find a renewed life himself.

“I want to leave this life of hopelessness and find a new life now.”

George went to the meeting and had a chance to talk to a man named Mr. Wagner, who was leading the meeting. As George did not know the brethren's manners and their joy in seeing sinners come to Christ, he apologized for coming to their meeting.



“Mr. Wagner, I am sorry for coming and bringing my sinful ways into this holy place.”

Mr. Wagner replied to George only with kindness.

“Please don't say that. Come as often as you please. This house and our hearts will always be open to you.”

The meeting was full of beautiful hymns and every person at the meeting looked happy. George had never before experienced such feelings of love that the Holy Spirit was pouring into his heart.

After a hymn was sung, George saw one believer fall upon his knees. This kneeling down made a deep impression on him.

He felt ashamed of himself and his past deeds and desired God's forgiveness. He felt God had now begun a work of grace in him.

Soon more sermons, hymns, and prayers followed. George felt an indescribable wave of peace inside him. On the way home from the meeting, George said to Beta, "I realize that everything we've seen in our trip to Switzerland and all our past pleasures are nothing compared to what I found this evening."

Afterwards, a new future opened up to George. He felt as though he were flying high like an eagle. As time passed by, George longed for God more. He began listening to God. He yearned for God's grace. God was embracing him.



# Like Clay in the Hands of God

*Oh God!*



That evening was a turning point in George Muller's life. After this conversion, George seriously thought about his future. He started to read the Bible.

When he was seeking God, he felt his spirit awakened.

During this time God began to work on George as he prayed. He came to the realization that he was God's precious child.

Soon prayer became a way of life for George. It was this connection with God and His source of power that led George to become the Man of Prayer.

As George kept praying and reading God's word, his life became similar to Jesus' life. He stayed away from drinking or playing cards and his words were softened. His lips no longer spoke lies but they were full of beautiful words of life. His old friends did not hang around with him any more. His toughness was gone; his warmth covered him.

George was like clay in the hands of God.

God refined George to use him as His tool. Sometimes, God altered George's dreams and plans for his life, but George never complained. He knew God's will was right and he always obeyed God. Of course, he was occasionally tempted to seek for worldly recognition.

Whenever he felt tempted, George immediately prayed and repented.

The more he felt temptation, the more frequently he attended church meetings.

One day in 1826, when he was reading a book about missionaries, a thought occurred to George. “I want to leave Germany and work in other countries. I think God will send me to help others and preach the gospel in other countries.”

His heart was opened to becoming an international missionary. He felt a great desire to become a missionary and prayed everyday for God’s direction. He wanted to find people who had been isolated and forgotten in the world. He prayed everyday for God’s will to be made known.

However, there was one problem. George fell in love with a girl, but she was not a believer. When George was with her, the Lord was almost forgotten and his spiritual sensitivity was diminished. He was

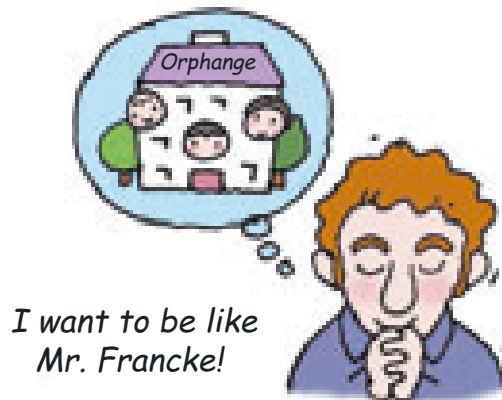
not happy anymore, either. His dream of being a missionary became blurred. This spiritual laziness lasted for more than a month. God, however, did not give up on George and gave him another chance.



This chance came one day when George met a young missionary named Herman Ball and saw his devotion to God. Ball was a very rich and intelligent man who could have lived a comfortable life had he wanted it.

However, he gave up all luxuries and a beautiful home to follow Christ. Despite all kinds of difficulties and obstacles, Ball was preaching the gospel in Poland. This opened George's eyes to his own selfishness and enabled him to give up the girl who was about to take the place of Christ in his heart.

# Dream of Running an Orphanage



God led George to live with theological students for two months at the Orphan House in his home country of Prussia. This orphanage had been established by Professor Francke, who had passed away about a hundred years before.

Francke, who was once a professor at the University of Halle, spent his whole life in the Orphan House, dependent only on God.

Here George was greatly influenced.

# Not This Time, George!

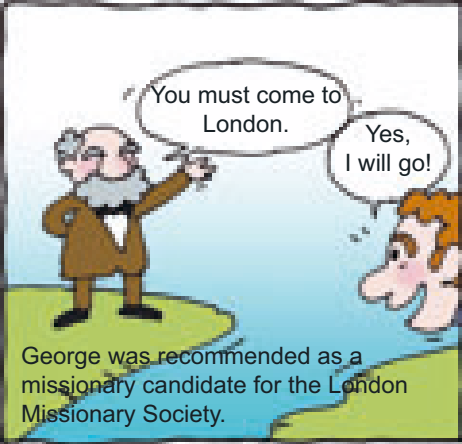
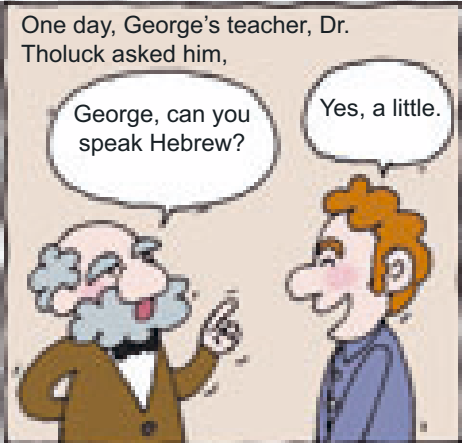
*Compelled by God*



One summer day in 1827, George heard special news that the Mission Association, of which Dr. Tholuck was in charge, was looking for missionaries to dispatch.

George prayed,

“Father, please tell me what Your will is. Please let me meet Dr. Tholuck and show me the way.”  
Before long, George would meet Dr. Tholuck.





However, God enabled George to realize that it was not the way He wanted George to go and stopped him from joining the missionary team this time.

There were many opportunities for George to be a missionary, but God's answer was "No" every time.

No matter how earnest and well intentioned your prayers are, they will only be answered according to God's will. Even if a person makes a plan, it is God who leads his way. God was leading George step by step. George always obeyed God's will, and everyday he confessed his desires to God in detail.



George felt God's presence whenever he prayed. Finally, God opened the way for George. George was recommended as a missionary candidate for the London Missionary Society with Mr.

Tholuck's help. But there was one condition: the Society desired him to go to London. George gladly accepted the offer.

Several times, he was faced with great obstacles to overcome, but God always helped him find open doors. George believed in God's word that wherever you go, if you pray and read the Bible, whatever you do prospers (Psalm 1:3).

George realized that the real power came from prayer and God's words through an intimate and deep relationship with God. An invisible holy flame was burning deep inside him.

PART III

# Devotion to Mission Work



George Muller was on the path of service with poor health. Could he give up his comfortable life and finish this difficult journey?

# God Is Always With You



In February 1829, George finally left for London, but first he visited his father in Heimersleben.

“Father, I thank you for loving me even when I was wandering and behaving like a mere child. Now I am independent and leave to do work that God has prepared for me. Please forgive me for what I have done to you in the past. Once I leave for London, I won’t be able to come home often. I still have so many things to learn. Father, please pray for me.

I will pray for you, too,” said George, with tears in his eyes. And then, before he left, he prayed.

“Dear God, I’m leaving home now. Please give me courage. Please keep my family safe in Your arms.” His journey was like Abraham’s journey. In order to reach his destination, God led him step by step. Finally, George arrived in London on March 19, 1829. He entered a new seminary and studied more than twelve hours a day. He was a truly passionate pupil. In the meantime, God was preparing works for George to do in the future. God wanted George to preach the gospel, not only in London but in the whole world.

When George was waiting to be appointed as a missionary, he heard about a man named Groves.

Groves was a dentist so he had an opportunity to receive a huge salary but he gave it up and left for Iran for missionary work. George was so

profoundly impressed that he wrote in his diary and told his friends about it. George also realized he was grateful for the fact that God uses people who value God's work above everything else, especially material gains.

George, who worked hard and obeyed God's will every day, was faced with an obstacle. He suddenly fell ill. George prayed, "Dear God, it's just too painful to stand. I want to stay in Your arms. Please help me to recover and use me as Your tool."

Advised by doctors and friends he went to countryside for change of air. He stayed at Ebenezer Chapel in Teignmouth until, with God's help, he slowly regained his strength. Thankfully, God used this time for George to learn the value of meditation upon the Scriptures. While he was suffering from this illness, George learned that it is God's word that determines everything.

God gave him strength when he was weak. When he was ill, God provided healing. When he was humble, God met him.

Just like Paul who experienced more of God's grace when he was incompetent and weak, George too felt the burning love of Christ when he suffered.

During his stay in Teignmouth, George became more acquainted with God and shared with Him even the smallest things. While he had prayed only about big and important matters until then, George now prayed about everything and had a deeper relationship with God. He also prayed every day for his health. "God, please help me to be healthy again. Please send me a good doctor. Please use the medicine I take to make me well. Please help me not to blame anyone and to be patient even when I feel most desperate."



# Beautiful Spouse

*Bone of my bones!  
Flesh of my flesh!*



George was getting older and started thinking about marriage. He began praying about this serious matter. He wanted to know God's words and to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

He then fell in love with Mary Groves, sister of the dentist who had resigned from his job and huge salary to devote himself to mission work.



# Sell Your Belongings and Help Others



One day, George was reading the Bible and was very impressed with the verse, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.” (Matthew 19:21) He decided to live up to the scripture right away and began to give what he had to those in need around him. He thought about the hunger of others before his own.

George and Mary were not rich themselves but they freely gave away all that they had, so much that they had nothing left.

However they did not stop giving.

Then one day the Mullers found that they did not have anything to eat. That night, George woke up his wife.

“Honey, wake up...”

“What is the matter?”

George told Mary, whose eyes were heavy with sleep,

“It’s not time to sleep. Let’s pray on our knees.” They knelt down next to their bed and started to pray with their hands held together.

“Heavenly Father, we are all Yours. We are from You and everything we have is Yours. We offer You our lives. Please purify our hearts and fill our needs.”

God did not neglect their prayer. While the Mullers were praying, Mr. Thornsberry, a friend, couldn’t sleep either. He called his wife Julia and said to her,

“I just cannot sleep. I feel ashamed that I am so greedy. I should go see the Mullers before the sun is up!”

The next morning, Mr. Thornsberry visited George.

“Good Morning, Mr. Thornsberry. What brought you here at this early hour?”

Mr. Thornsberry said, “Pastor, please take this money. It is not much, but I hope it will help you.

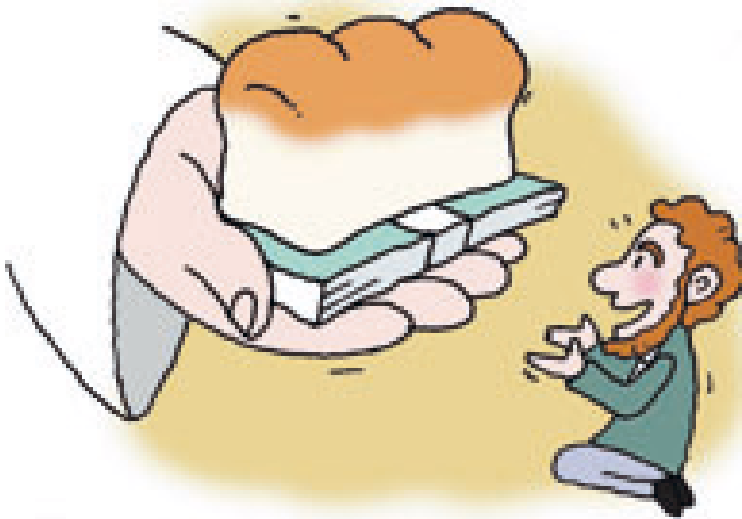
The Lord has shown me my greed by your example of generosity.”

God answered George’s prayer by changing Mr. Thornsberry’s mind to help George.

As always, George prayed with faith in God and trusted Him, and God answered his prayer.

PART IV

# Muller's Prayer & God's Miraculous Answers



How did George pray?  
How did George, this poor pastor,  
supply food for orphans?

# God Gives Everything



Mary, George Muller's wife, felt that it was not easy to live as a pastor's wife.

Money was an area that troubled her most. However, Mary, just like her husband, told her needs to no one but the Lord.

When she was on the way home by train one day, she found that she had only one shilling in her pocket. With such a small amount of money, she couldn't even buy a sandwich.

She prayed to God, “God, I have only one shilling with me. Please fill my needs. Please help me before I become completely empty handed.”

Just then, a stranger came and gave Mary two one pound gold coins from her purse. As He did for George, God fulfilled Mary’s needs, too.

Once when they had nothing to eat, they prayed to God on their knees. “Lord, we need bread to eat. Please show us that You are our Father.”

Their prayer was answered immediately by God. That afternoon, a woman who lived next door brought a loaf of bread she had just baked. Also, sometimes other believers brought food.

When people work for God, Satan always tries to interfere. There were rumors that George and Mary were dying of hunger. This rumor hurt George because it was a lie and did not show God’s grace and provision for them.

Our Loving God never left the Mullers alone.

God never left the Mullers without a penny or a slice of bread on the table. They never starved, yet rather God miraculously filled their needs everyday. Since the Mullers started to pray and serve God, they had never missed a meal for lack of food.

Later in his life, George confessed,

“I prayed everyday, and God came to me everyday, and always heard my prayers.

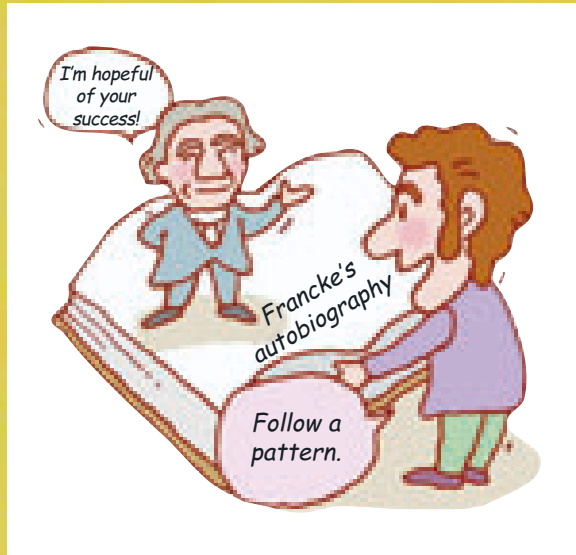
God never broke a promise. He is my Father who gives me everything.”

“Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19)

Sometimes people who have little or no faith in God asked,

“Does God help me whenever I am in need?”

## Muller's Vision Realized by Francke's Life



In 1832, George Muller spent much of his time reading a biography of Francke, who was the founder of Halle Orphan House. Francke's life and work greatly influenced George's direction of life. Francke started to work for orphans in the late 17th century, and devoted his life to orphan care for about 30 years until 1727.

George started to work for orphans over 100 years after Francke died. God's providence is so great that God foresaw Francke's work would be continued by George Muller almost two centuries later.



What if I have an urgent need?” or, “Will God take care of my future if I depend only on Him?”

However, George Muller, a man of prayer and faith responded,

“God is almighty and faithful. God prepares more than what we need, and gives us more than what we ask. Even when we are in a hurry, we need to trust in God who foresees the future. He will help us get through any crisis.”

George took Romans 13:8, “Owe no man anything,” literally and never bought on credit and never was in debt for anything. He trusted only God to provide.

He spent his money where God directed, not on personal expenses.

He drew close to God with clear faith in Him. The more he had faith in God, the more God fulfilled him. God was planning to achieve something large through the Mullers.

PART V

# Poverty & Crisis Overcome with Prayer



When was the most dangerous moment for George?  
How did he go through the biggest crisis?  
Every day, every month, every year, what kind of  
answers did George receive for his prayers?

# Abandoned Children



On June 12, 1833, when George was praying about his desire to build an orphanage, he felt the fire of love toward children.

That same day, George read the Bible and prayed before going out to the streets. He found so many orphan children who were left hungry without their parents.

His heart sank when he saw these ragged children running wild in the streets and he wanted to help them.

“I will help you,” he told the children.

“Do you really mean it?” they asked.

“Of course, I want to help you and spend time with you,” answered George.

“Are you going to give us something to eat, too?” the children wanted to know.

“Well, I believe God will give you food if you put your trust in Him and pray,” George assured them.

George started to bring in and take care of the orphaned children.

He gave them bread and also taught them how to read the Bible. And he did the same thing to poor people and the elderly. More children arrived, and now there were too many children for George to take care of alone.

The only thing he could do was pray.

“Dear Father, I believe You will feed and clothe these children.”

God was pleased to hear George's prayer, and the children did not ever have to go without a meal.

The children thought of George as their father, but their real Father was God who filled all their needs.

The number of children George took care of increased to 150, so there was not enough room for all the children where they were staying. George prayed again.

“Dear Father, we have many children. Please give us enough room for them. We are poor. Please help us to rent rooms at a cheap rate. Please send us many volunteers to help care for these children.”

God did not ignore his prayer. George found a place where he could rent rooms for only 10 shillings a year. God also sent another man who would help George with this difficult task.

God always provided so many things for George. George never personally asked for anything from people around him.

He had his needs supplied only by requests to God Himself.



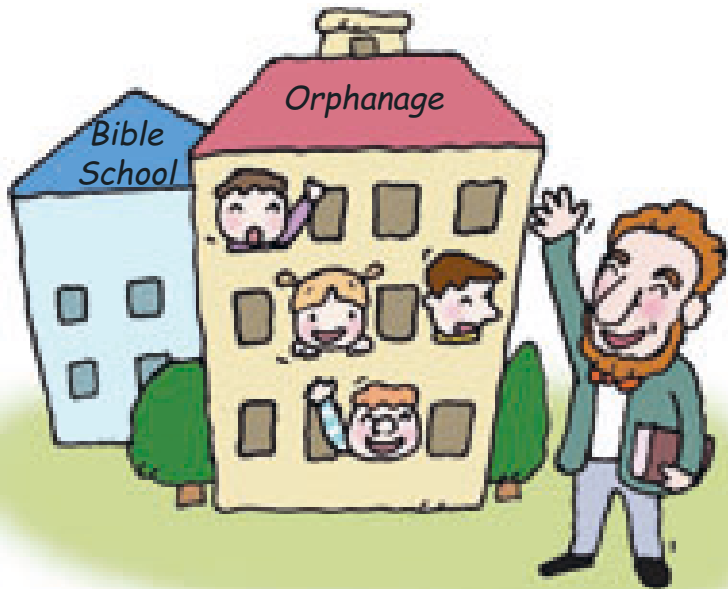
George did not have any supporters or aiding associations. However, he did not have to worry because God himself was George's biggest sponsor in helping the orphans.

The Mullers did not have enough money for their living expenses. However, George had faith that he was God's servant and was not sad. He did not see it as suffering because he firmly trusted in God.

He constantly looked at God as the One who loved him, and God always listened and answered his prayer of pure faith.

PART VI

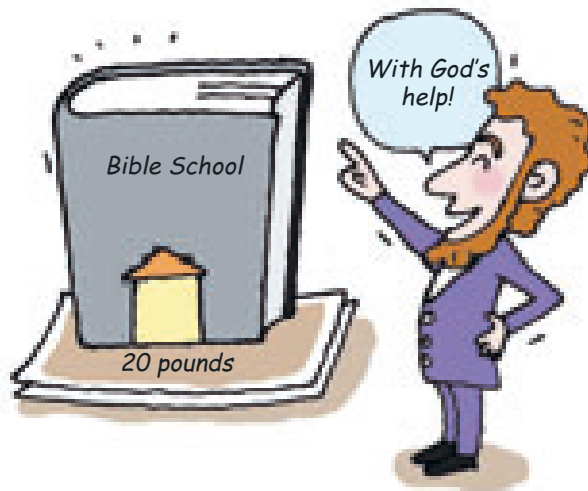
# The Bible School & Orphanage Built with Prayer



Before establishing a Bible School,  
Before building an orphanage,  
Before being provided with daily food,  
What did George do and how did God answer?



# Building a Bible School



George desired to do more for the orphans and for the church. He was looking for a more lasting work in the mission. In order to work more constructively, he wanted to establish a public corporation.

He prayed to God for his future and also expressed to Him his idea about the Bible school he was hoping to build.

“Dear Father, I am here to talk to You about an important work for Your world. I’d like to open

a Bible school to deliver the gospel and teach the Bible. If building a Bible school is Your will, please provide me with twenty pounds.

I want to buy and distribute copies of the Bible with the money. I believe, though it might be a small beginning, it would be a foundation for a Bible school.”

His prayer reached God quickly and in just a few hours, God moved a woman’s heart.

She suddenly wanted to help George.

“I want to help Mr. Muller who is working for the orphans.”

She immediately took some money and rushed to George.

“Is Mr. Muller there?”

George opened the door and the woman handed an envelope to him.

“Mr. Muller, I am sorry. I should have served God more sincerely. Please use this for your mission work.”

There was exactly twenty pounds in the envelope.

George and Mary were so surprised. After the woman left, Mary confessed to George,

“George, I wanted to use the money for my own the moment I saw it. But I know I was wrong. It was God’s will to open the Bible school. Otherwise, we would never have received exactly twenty pounds.”

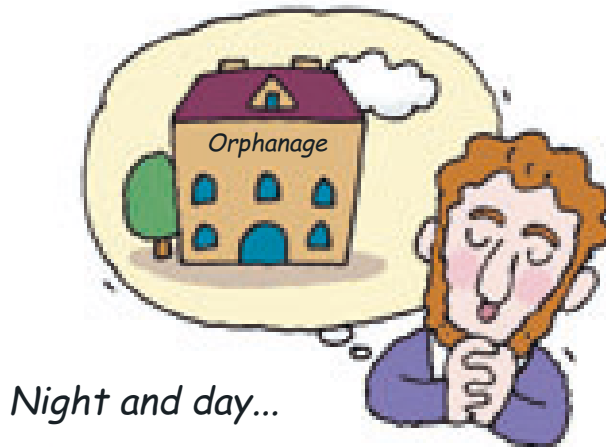
Eventually, George and Mary started the Bible school which he called “The Scriptural Knowledge Institution” with the twenty pounds, giving thanks to God. While it was George who ran the institution, it was God who was the real owner and headmaster. Through this school, George also ran a general school and Sunday schools, and eventually, the Institution provided financial aid to missionaries.

In addition, the school distributed copies of the Bible and New Testament to orphans, the poor, and missionaries free of cost.

George listened to God's words through the Bible, and he talked to God everyday through prayer. He made every effort to keep close to God.

God was the invisible supporter who always answered George's prayer and provided for the institution. Bibles and New Testaments were sent everywhere. George devoted himself to helping others. God responded by meeting George's needs and fellowshiping with him.

# Dream of Building an Orphanage



George worked hard for the Bible school, but he was more interested in mission work for orphans. He once asked associates of the school, “What do you think of bringing orphans here and making an orphanage?”

Unfortunately, the answers were, “It is impossible.” At that time, it was very difficult to build an orphanage so there were only three orphanages in England.

Although he was a pastor who did not have much money, the passion in George's heart for working with orphans was not put out easily.

Though everybody said "No" George did not step back. He intensively prayed about building an orphanage. After several months, George sensed that God's time had come. George was deeply impressed by a woman who was taking care of children. Her faith in God just like Francke's.

The next day, George wrote this in his diary, "I will no longer merely think of building an orphanage, but live up to this idea with action."

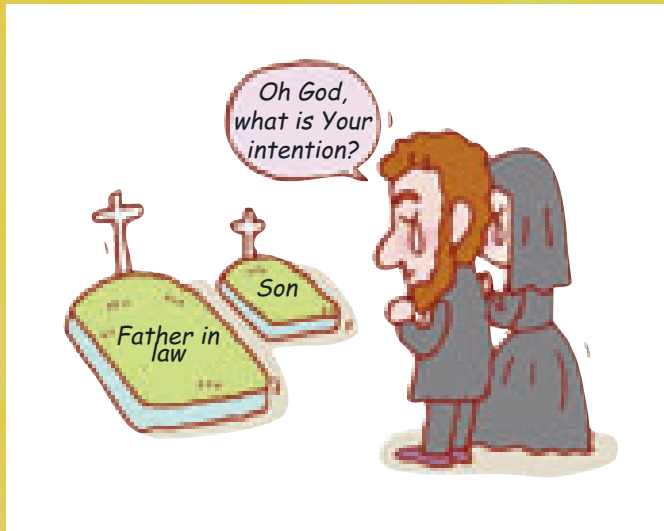
That day, he started to make posters to organize an official association.

He did not expect many people's advice or support. He only had an assurance that God would start this work and help him.

While he was preparing for the orphanage, he received a letter.

“Mr. Muller, God bless you and your work on the orphanage. I am writing this letter to ask you to allow my wife and me to work with you. We do not expect to be paid. We just want to work for God.”

## Lasting Sufferings



George prayed on his knees. “O God, What’s your intention?”

While he was staying in Bristol, George experienced a series of sad events. His father-in-law, Mr. Groves, passed away, and his one-year-old son, Elijah, died, too. George was too saddened to sleep. A grandfather and a grandson were buried in the same grave.

The Mullers were left only with one child, Lydia.

However, the sufferings and sadness could not stop George from having a dream, vision, and enthusiasm for mission work. Throughout these sad events, George kept preaching sermons twice every Sunday and he visited the poor and the elderly regularly.



The letter encouraged and pleased George so much. He felt he could see God preparing and planning for the orphans in many areas.

To do God's work, material support was also needed, but George thought it was not right to ask for money. He was always very careful. One night when George was reading the Psalms, he heard God's voice.

“Ask for your needs, and I will fill them.”

God's voice was so vivid so it sent a ripple through George's mind. For the rest of George's life, the voice was a driving force of his prayer and power to live as God's servant. Also, it was a springboard to make George more actively engaged in orphan mission.

God told George to ask for land, money and even people who could help take care of the children in the orphan mission.

Two days after he started to prepare for the orphanage, he received the first donation.

Although it was only one shilling, he reminded himself that though this beginning was weak, God's blessing would be bigger and bigger.

A few days later, a large box arrived with a letter saying,

“I would like to donate some articles needed for the orphanage you are planning. Please accept our donation and prayers.”

The articles in the box included twenty-eight big plates, three small plates, three washbasins, one kettle, four glasses, three bags of salt, one grater, four knives, and five forks. After several days, another fifty pound donation arrived.

The number of volunteers and donations continued to increase over time.

God had prepared and planned all this for George and his work in the orphanage.

## 6 Principles of Mission



When he had an official meeting to establish a new association, George prepared the following principles for mission work.

- 1) Every Believer has a right and responsibility to help in the duty and mission of Christ.
- 2) One should depend on God alone and should not ask for or rely on worldly support.
- 3) One should not approach non-believers for financial support to maintain or perform works of an association.
- 4) One should never have a debt in performing God's work for any reason.
- 5) One should not judge success by numbers or finances.
- 6) One should avoid everything that can damage the evidence for God's existence.

George constantly observed these principles. He considered God as his only supporter and prayer as the only means of appeal. As he approached God on his knees, his work was expanded. The Institution in Bristol, that is the Bible school, achieved the desired effect in 18 months. George asked for God's guidance in his prayer and began to be prepared to devote himself to this important work.

# Pray for Orphans



On April 11, 1836, the orphanage was officially opened with the donations and equipment that had been sent to George. George hoped to begin accepting orphans soon.

However, no orphans registered to join. George then realized why: he had prayed only for the orphanage and forgot to pray for the orphans themselves. He repented at once and started to sincerely pray for them.

“Dear God, please send orphaned children to me. I’ve made everything ready to take care of them. Please lead them to this orphanage.”

The day after he started to pray, orphans came in crowds.

“I want to enter the orphan school. Please let me in. I know I will be fine if Mr. Muller prays for me,” said many orphans. In a month, there were forty-two children in the orphanage, and more children’s requests were accepted afterwards.

We always have to fight Satan when we work for the Lord and it was not easy to run the orphanage, even for George. Satan often tempted George to stop working for the orphans by tempting him with trials and despair.

The most difficult trial was when food for the children ran out. George went into a small room and prayed.

“Father, the food is running out. Only You can raise those children. Please send the food for them.”

God listened to this prayer. That very day He sent a man to give George ten pounds. George’s prayers were answered like this more than five thousand times.

George always kept a small notepad in his pocket. On the left page of the notepad he wrote what he prayed for and when he prayed for it, and on the right he wrote when his prayer was answered. In that way, he could know how many times God listened to his prayers, and he could also show other people how God answered him.



# The Second Orphanage



By November 1836, the number of orphans had continued to increase and George was faced with financial difficulty again. He felt the need for a second home, so he prayed,

“Dear Father, I now can’t take care of all these orphans. I need one thousand pounds to build a better facility. God, please help me. I believe You are the Father of these children.”

God answered George's prayers again, so George was able to build a second house to accommodate an ever increasing number of children.

According to a report, seven hundred and seventy pounds were first sent to George for building and maintaining these orphanages. That first donation was then followed by a two hundred thirty pound donation.

As George asked, exactly one thousand pounds was sent by God. George's God always provided exactly what George asked for, which was neither more nor less than he needed.

Through this process, George was able to run two orphanages.





George wanted his life to be the evidence of God's existence and his prayers actually brought many surprising miracles.

But, these miracles did not happen just for a few days.

God always answered George's prayers clearly. George confessed this in his diary,

“God listened to my prayers for 18 months and 10 days without missing a single day. I thank God for His answers. I will pray today and tomorrow and won't stop praying for the rest of my life.”

George never asked any person for help. However great his need might be, he made his wants known only to God, and God heard his prayer and provided him the most needed things at the most appropriate time.

Whenever George received financial help from others, he always examined the motive of those who offered help.

He wanted to know whether they had any hidden agenda or greed. So, he always prayed before accepting people's help.

“God, please let me read their thoughts. I'd like to know if they are sincerely devoted to You, and whether they really want to glorify Your name. If You let me know that their offering is from You, I will gladly accept it as Your blessing.”

As the orphan mission expanded, George needed more of God's grace as well as spiritual growth. The bigger the orphanages became, the more he fell into intimate prayer with God.

He often told his colleagues, who said their lack of prayer is due to their workload,

“I would rather work four hours after praying for one than spend five whole hours working without praying.”

Of course, he always worked as much as he prayed.

## **Matthew 7:7-11**

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

In addition to praying, he allowed God to work through him.

In October, 1837, he secured a building for his third orphanage. Then he was faced with a big obstacle. Neighbors were strongly against establishing the orphanage near their home.

Even at this unexpected difficulty, George did not react emotionally. He followed Christ’s example of mercy and gave up all rights for the building. He believed God would prepare a better place and waited.

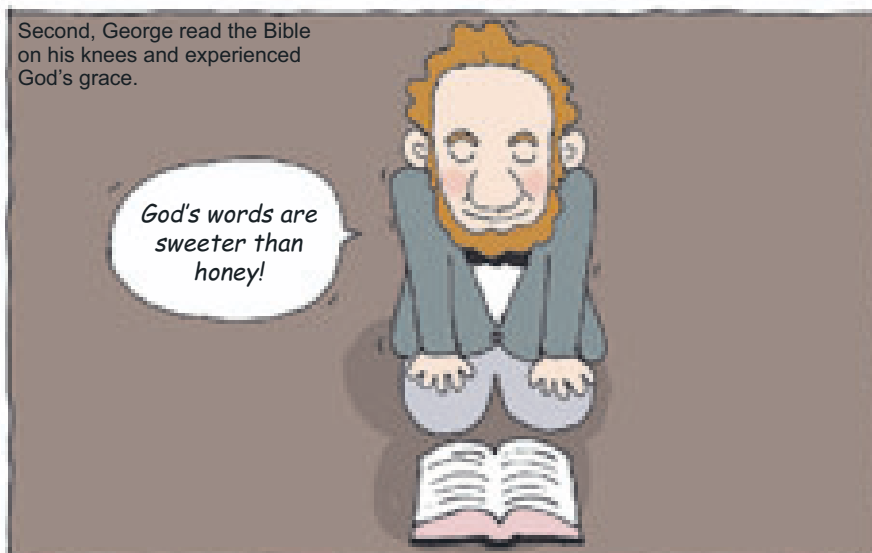
Before long, God indeed provided a better building and George was compensated. Just like God gave Isaac a much better land when he gave up the wells for peace, a miracle happened to George.

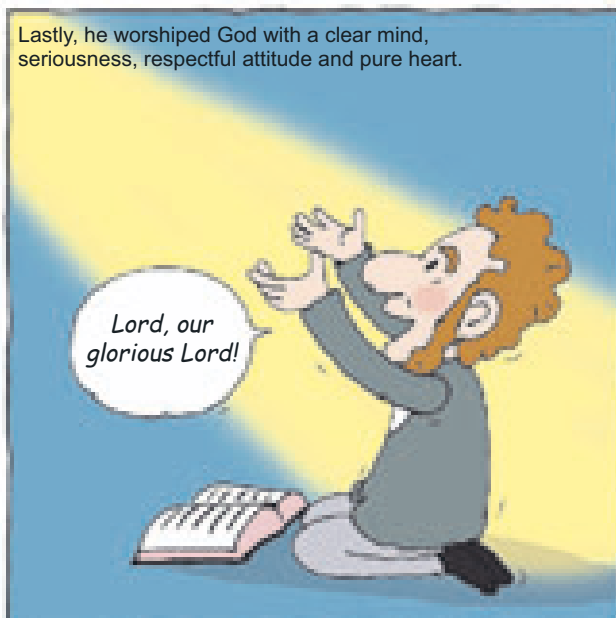
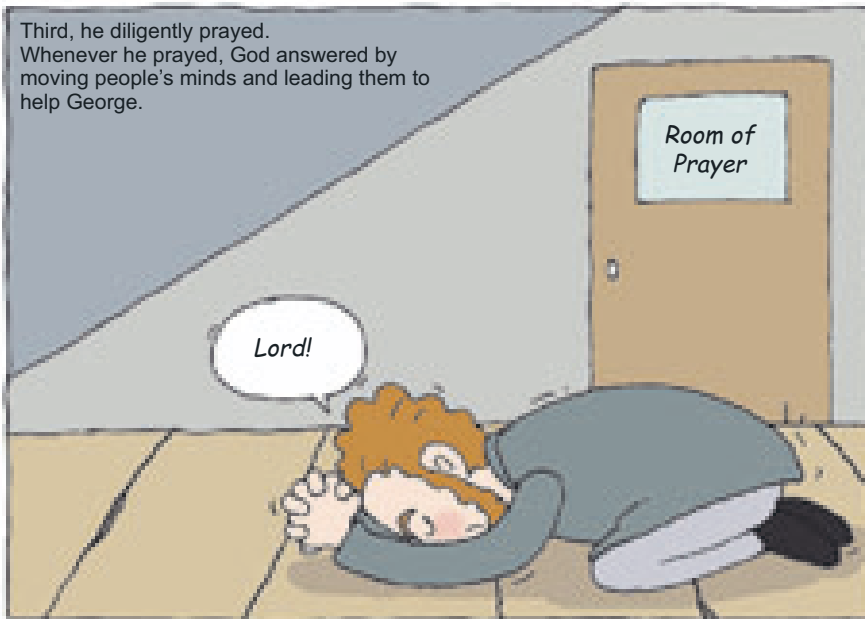
As George’s orphan work became successful, people looked at him with envy. Whenever he met those people, George prayed,

“God, I have always believed in You and honored You in front of other people. Please help me not to be perplexed. Please make me a good example to the believers. Please close their mouths so that people do not misunderstand me as a fanatic.”

## Four Reasons why Muller's Orphanages were Successful.

Why were George's orphanages so successful?  
There are four reasons.

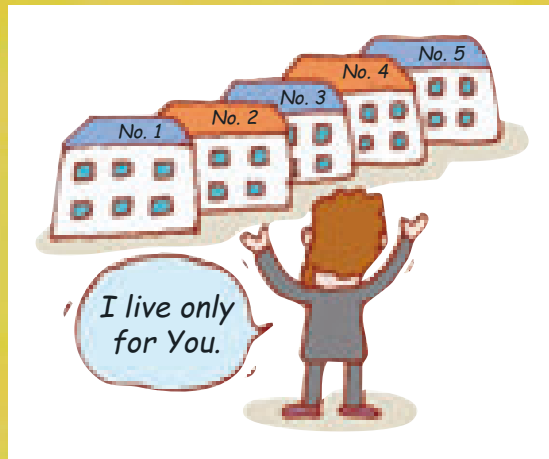




These four reasons were the driving force that made George's orphan houses successful. God was pleased with George as he worshiped Him with a sincere faith, like Abel.



## History of Orphanages Built by Muller



During the spring of 1846 George Muller, with an architect's help, started planning a structure designed for many orphans.

July 5, 1847, the construction of the first orphan house began. The first building, which could accommodate more than three hundred children, was enormous with more than three hundred large windows.

The construction cost twenty thousand pounds and it took one and a half hours just to look around the building.

In 1856, the second Home was opened, which cost thirty thousand pounds. This money was collected through prayer.

It could accommodate more than four hundred orphans.

In March, 1862, the third Home was opened.

In May, 1866, the fourth Home was constructed.

In January, 1870, the fifth Home was built, which was twenty-five years after the first orphanage was built.

The total number of orphans was about 2,000.

PART VII

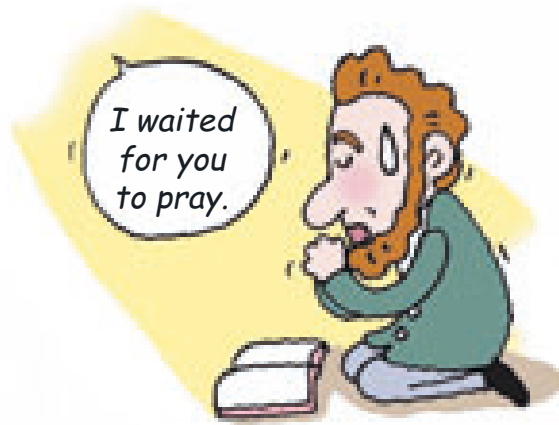
# Miracles Made with Prayer



Does God really listen to our prayers?  
What is a good method to overcome trials?  
What are the secrets of George's prayers that  
were answered so many times and brought miracles?



# God Sometimes Makes Us Wait



Summer was coming, and another trial was waiting. The donations and offerings that had been flowing in suddenly stopped. As usual, George prayed on his knees in a small room.

“God, people’s donations have become infrequent so it appears that a trying time is coming again. God, You are still our living Father and I believe You have the power to feed and clothe these children. Please show us Your power.”

Satan always watched for a chance to bring George down, but George kept his faith in the Lord, who was always with him, and continued to pray.

On July 22, 1838, George wrote the following paragraph in his journal,

“While I was walking in a garden, I thought of the verse in Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. At that very moment, I thought the Lord would fill our needs with His love as He has provided everything else for the children. Then I was full of joy and my spirit was embraced with indescribable happiness.”

The joy and happiness he felt was only a prelude to the coming blessing.

Just a few minutes later, he received a letter with a check for twenty pounds.

In September of that year, George faced another financial difficulty. He knelt before God again.

“Dear Father, we need to feed the children. I believe You are going to provide soon.”

In the afternoon, a woman brought him a bag full of money.

She said it was the money that her daughter sent her to help George’s orphanage.

George told his colleagues, “We have to realize why the money was not sent to us directly, though it was near us. God wanted to help us, but He also wanted His children to pray for His help. He made us wait so that we could experience the joy of our prayer being answered.”



## Prayer of Faith that Pleases God



You need to have faith if you want your prayer to be answered. George always approached God with strong faith whenever he prayed. God answers, at times miraculously, when He sees our faith in Him.

George said that kind of prayer on January 14, 1838.

“Dear God, I believe You always listen to my prayer. I also believe that You are going to show me that You are listening. Thus, I believe that You will answer my sincere prayer so that Your name shall be glorified through this work.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Then Jesus answered, Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted. And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (Matthew 15:28)”